

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 64 and 66 remained rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 64 and 66 also remained rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 56, 57, 59, 60 and 65-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blumberg (U.S. Pat. No. 5,664,896) in view of Gutowitz (U.S. Pat. No. 6,885,317). Claims 58, 61-64 and 69-78 were allowed.

In response to the Office Action, claims 54-57, 59, 60 and 65-67 have been cancelled, claims 61-64 have been amended and new claims 79-88 have been added. Claim 64 finds support in Fig. 61(a).

Of the previously pending claims, only the claims previously indicated to be allowed or allowable remain. New claims 79-88 correspond to allowed claims 69-78, respectively, with the omission of the term “only” in defining the letter sets on the input elements having “at least two letters”. This avoids any potential ambiguity with respect to an interpretation of claims 69-78 as having only two letters on the input elements rather than the correct interpretation of “the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters....”, with the various sets of at least two

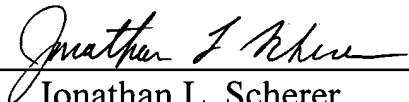
letter indicated. Accordingly, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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